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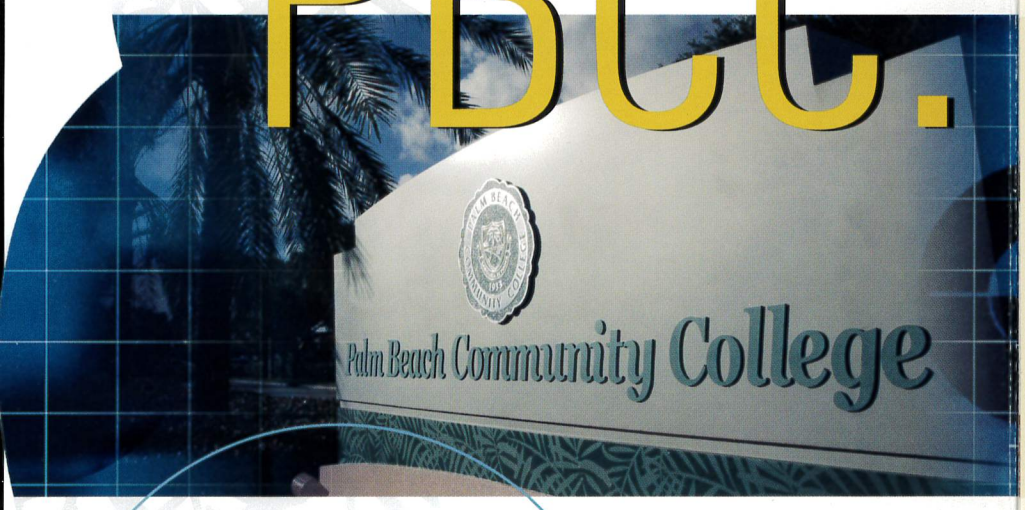
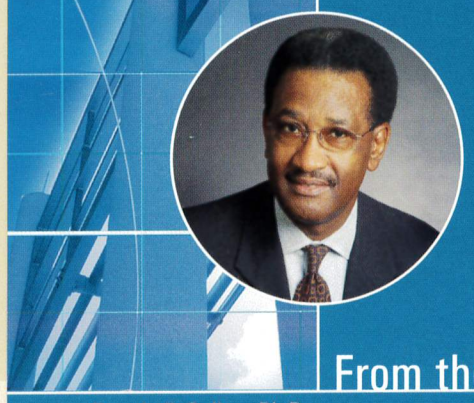


Palm Beach Community College's mission in Palm Beach County is vital. Flexible and responsive, PBCC adapts quickly to a changing work force, new technology, expansive growth and the realities of a diverse population. Focused on community needs, PBCC has been improving lives in a myriad of ways for the last 70 years. Here are some of the ways we are addressing current issues and needs.



From the President

Dennis P. Gallon, Ph.D.

Power assumed new significance in our area in the aftermath of Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne. Coping with losses, damages, sweltering heat and dark abodes, each of us had to be more innovative, more flexible and more patient. As an institution, Palm Beach Community College also had to exercise those traits to fulfill our educational mission, even as we identified new ways to support the community and our students.

a light and a power

As 19th century philosopher Henry George observed, "The man who thinks becomes a light and a power." Education is the ultimate empowerment – the reason we unlock the doors and turn on the lights each day at our campuses.

PBCC empowers its students and, just as importantly, its community. Generous support from the private sector, in turn, empowers the College to assess, address and meet community needs. You see the results each day in area schools, hospitals, and workplaces. To learn about some of our new initiatives, we invite you to read on…

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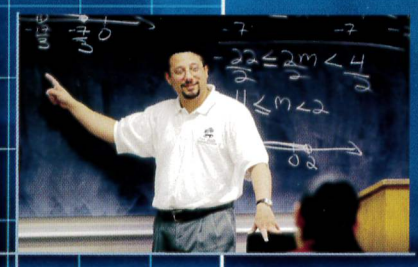


Tackling the teacher shortage

PBCC's Institute of Teacher Education has developed innovative programs to address Florida's teacher shortage.

For the first time, students wanting bachelor's degrees in math and biology secondary education, where teacher shortages are most critical, will be able to take all of their upper-division courses at PBCC in Lake Worth. The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools gave its approval in January to this collaboration between the College and Florida Atlantic University (FAU). Both FAU and PBCC professors will teach the upper division courses.

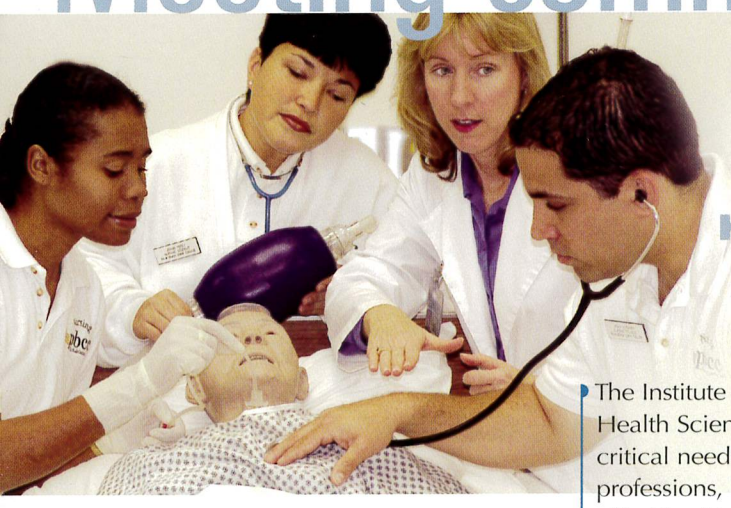
PBCC has strengthened its partnership with FAU by working to set common standards for education course content, practical field experiences, etc. and continues to work closely with the county School District as well.

The Institute's "Transition to Teaching" program was launched last year through a federal Department of Education grant with additional support from Community Foundation funding. The Transition to Teaching program was created for working professionals and college graduates with baccalaureate degrees who desire to teach at the secondary level.

To help these new teachers make the successful transition to the classroom, they are placed in "cohorts" for mutual support, participate in monthly meetings on classroom management and are mentored by experienced teachers. A similar program to help education paraprofessionals obtain associate's degrees to meet new federal requirements has completed its first year as well.

A second phase of the Transition to Teaching program is under development, spurred by the passage of a PBCC-backed bill passed during the 2004 legislative session. This legislation authorizes Florida community colleges to offer complete alternative certification programs, so that non-education baccalaureate degree holders can become teachers. The College is working collaboratively with other community colleges in the state to design this alternative certification program.

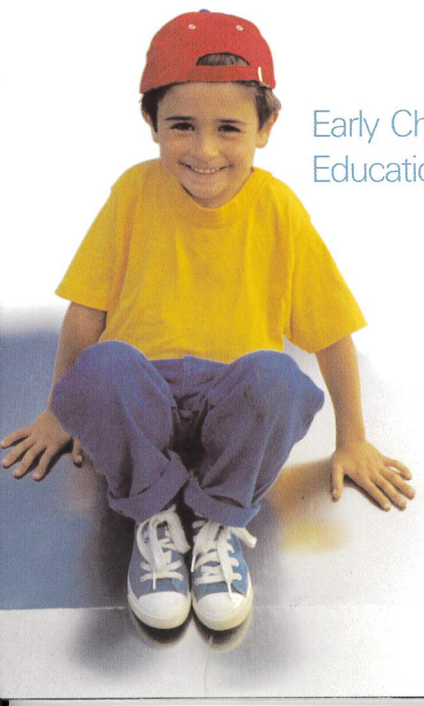
Meeting community needs



Institute for Nursing and Health Sciences

Responding to community needs and requests, PBCC has established these new initiatives:

- The Institute for Nursing and Health Sciences to respond to critical needs in health care professions, reorganize PBCC's 16 allied health programs and add clarity to career paths
- A weekend/evening registered nursing program supported by the Palm Healthcare Foundation
- A sonography program for radiographers
- Needs assessment and fund raising from local sources to develop a registered nursing program at PBCC in Belle Glade
- An associate in arts degree that can be earned entirely through online and electronic courses
- Crime Scene Technology degree
- Welding and diesel training for the U.S. Navy
- Professional Pilot Technology enhancement with new aviation navigation systems and expanded curriculum
- Youth Panther Camp for environmental education at PBCC in Belle Glade
- New certificate programs for:
  - Environmental Horticulture
  - Early Childhood Education
  - Motion Picture and Television Production Technology
  - Auto Service Technology



Early Childhood Education

Crime Scene Technology

Environmental Horticulture

Palm Beach Community College continues to embrace new challenges in the community through collaborative efforts to meet workforce training needs for the incoming Scripps Research Institute and other biotechnology companies. PBCC is strengthening science programs and curricula to prepare students for further studies in biotechnology or biomedicine and exploring the emerging need for new biotechnology program offerings.

Panther Camp

Building for the future

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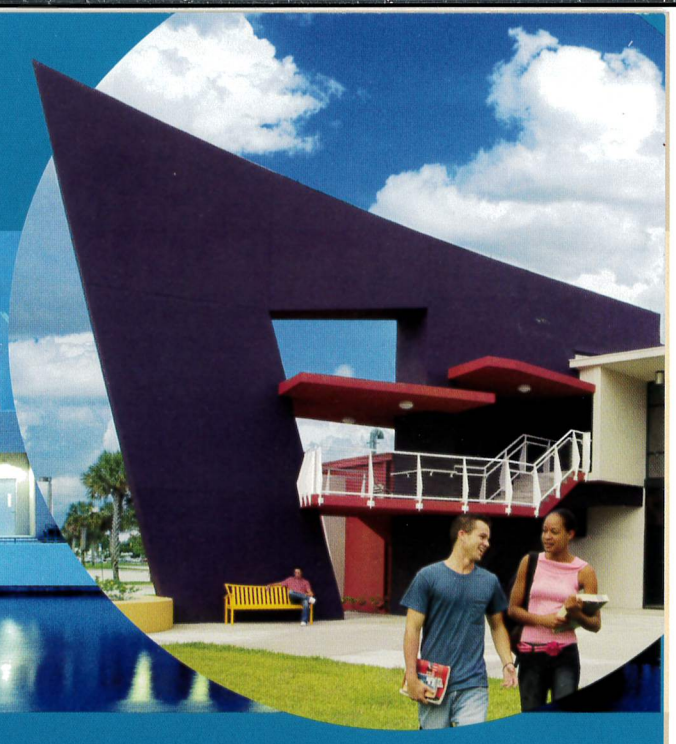
PBCC's largest building project was the $25 million, 158,000 sq. ft. Education and Training Center in Lake Worth. The four-building complex (above) provides high-tech facilities for numerous occupational programs as well as tutoring labs and academic programs. Just a few of the programs PBCC offers at the Education and Training Center are automotive technology, welding, sheet metal technology, cosmetology and such medical programs as surgical technology, medical assisting and practical nursing.

Renovating

Renovating a 25,000-square-foot former gym at Boca Raton to create BocaTech. Nearly doubled in size to 48,000 square feet, BocaTech offers more classrooms and labs, a massage therapy and spa area, a wellness center and enlarged Student Learning Center (left).



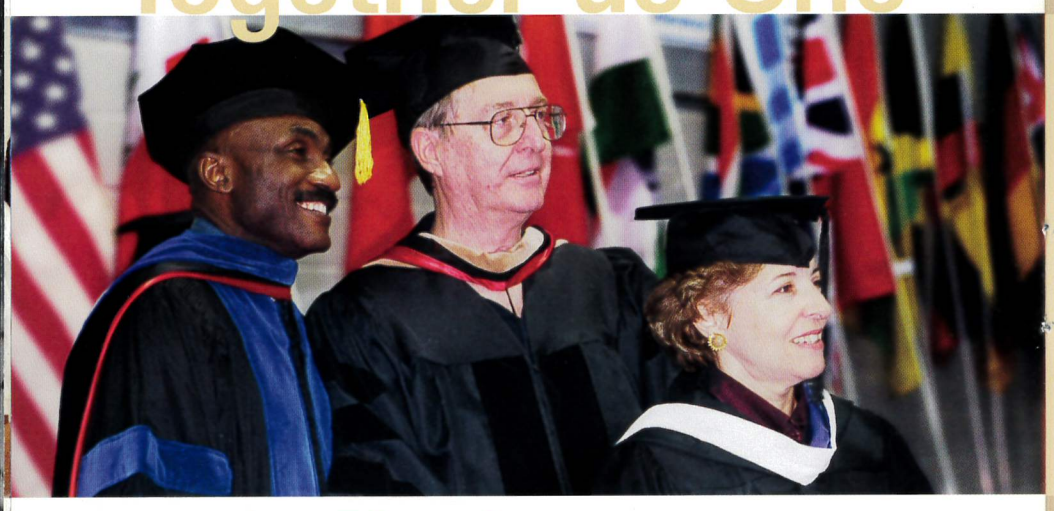
Redesigning

Renovating and redesigning the Humanities building in Lake Worth into a unique, exciting space

Remodeling

Remodeling the medical imaging laboratory for radiography and a new sonography program in Palm Beach Gardens.

"Together as One"



Integrating Diversity

Diversity appreciation activities take place year round, observing Hispanic Heritage Celebration, Diversity Days, Black History Month and Women's History Month. A new slogan was adopted: "Together as One." Together, the College:

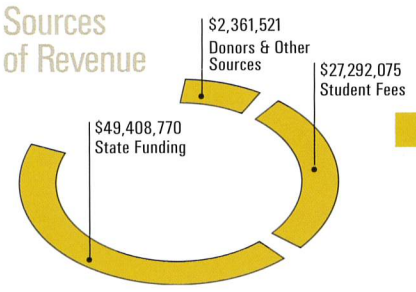
- Sponsored a diversity/small business workshop and community forum for minorities
- Approved study abroad classes in Spain, England and Costa Rica
- Launched a new course in African American history and began development of a new course in Hispanic literature
- Helped education paraprofessionals working with students with limited English to obtain degrees
- Developed community partnerships with minority groups in Belle Glade
- Hired 23 new full-time instructors with five representing ethnic minorities.

Operating efficiently

PBCC streamlined many college procedures by placing more data online for accountability and decision making, including:

- Web grading system for faculty
- Financial aid Web site with more complete scholarship information and the ability to monitor financial aid applications
- Job referral process alerting students to opportunities in their fields
- An online institutional effectiveness process that has become a model for many other colleges

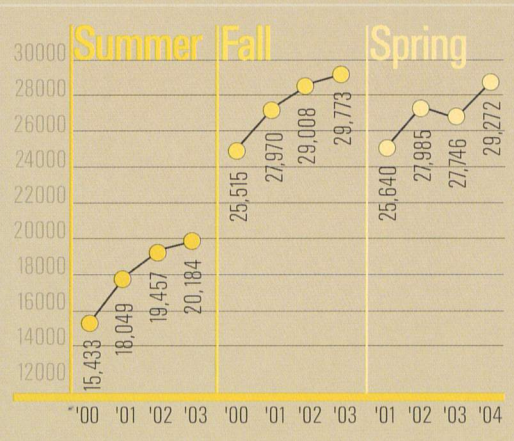
Sources of Revenue



Building on 70 years of excellence,

Palm Beach Community College has become an educational powerhouse in South Florida. We take pride in our accomplishments and steadfastly nurture the community focus that makes us unique. In our classrooms, in our community, and for our students, **we expect more.**

Enrollment Trends



Economic Impact

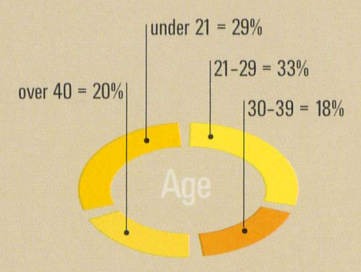
Palm Beach Community College pumped **$217.5 million** into the local economy last year, an impact equal to that of a major corporation. This enduring economic powerhouse generates a more-than-double rate of return on investment.

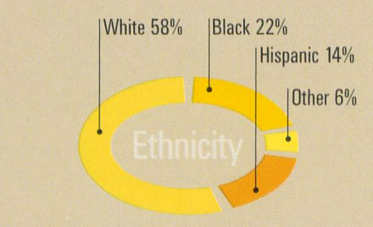
Average Age of Students

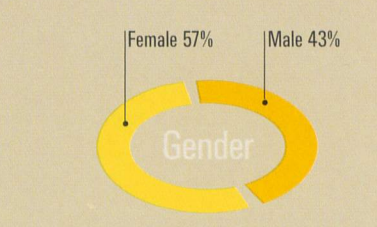
Credit & Preparatory	26
Total Enrollment	30

2003-2004 Unduplicated Headcount

Credit only	30,169
Noncredit only	16,865
Students in both Credit/Non-credit	2,451
Total	49,485







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